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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS IMPOSED ON
IMPORTS OF CERTAIN PLYWOOD

REF: (A) CANBERRA 4797 (B) STATE 162374 (C) CANBERRA 3775
(D) STATE 124991 (E) CANBERRA 2871

1. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY & COMMERCE AND MINISTER FOR
BUSINESS AND COSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT GOA HAS
ACCEPTED THE REPORT OF TEMPORARYASSITANCE AUTHORITY (TAA)
ON PLYWOOD AND TARIFF QUOTAS WOULD BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS
FROM 1 JULY 1976 UNTIL 30 JUNE 1977.

2. UNDER QUOTA SYSTEM, IMPORTS OF PLYWOOD OF A THICKNESS
EXCEEDING 5.5 MM BUT NOT EXCEEDING 23 MM WOULD BE RESTRICTED
TO 13,000 CUBIC METERS DURING QUOTA PERIOD. IMPORTS IN
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EXCESS OF THIS QUOTA WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A TEMPORARY

ADDITIONAL DUTY OF 50 CENTS PER SQUARE METER FOR EACH 1 MM THICKNESS IN EXCESS OF 5.5 MM. NORMAL RATE OF DUTY 44 PER CENT AD VALOREM. QUOTAS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS ON THE BASIS OF IMPORT CLEARANCES IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30 JUNE 1976. IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO TARIFF QUOTAS.

3. EMBASSY SPOKE WITH MCCORMACK OF WM. MALLINSON AND SONS, WHO IS NOT YET CLEAR ON HOW DECISION WILL AFFECT IMPORTS OF REDWOOD PLYWOOD FROM SIMPSOM TIMBER. HE SAID RESULT "WAS NOT AS GOOD AS HE HAD HOPED" BUT WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT IMPORTS FROM SIMPSOM TIMER BOULD GO AHEAD AS PLANNED.

4. A REFERENCE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE IAC ON THE QUESTION OF LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO THE INDUSTRY. IAC HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT BY MARCH 10, 1977 ON NEED TO CONTINUE QUOTAS AFTER JULY 1, 1977.

5. PLYWOOD IS NOT GATT BOUND. GOODS IN BOND OR IN TRANSIT ON AUGUST 18 WILL BE PERMITTED ENTRY AT EXISTING RATES OF DUTY OF ENTRY IS MADE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 7, 1976 BUT QUANTITIES WILL BE DEBITED AGAINST QUOTA ALLOWANCE. NO SPECIAL PROVISION WAS MADE FOR GOODS ORDERED AGAINST LETTERS OF CREDIT.
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